

## Boy Scouts Participate in Restoration and Service Projects at Lake Berryessa in Honor of National Public Lands Day

On Saturday, Oct. 19, 2013, 68 boy scouts, their leaders and parents from the Herms District of the Mt. Diablo Silverado Boy Scout Council participated in a restoration event to celebrate National Public Lands Day at Lake Berryessa.



Led by Reclamation Park Rangers, the scouts and volunteers spent the morning planting acorns, repairing restoration shelters and removing weeds in the Oak Shores Day Use Area. The energetic workers planted Blue Oak acorns and removed the invasive Yellow Star thistle from the Coyote Beach area of Oak Shores. The Herms District boy scouts are so positive and enthusiastic about their work at Lake Berryessa, they come back every year to participate in restoration and service projects.

The restoration event tied into President Obama's *America's Great Outdoors* initiative, which seeks to empower Americans to share in the responsibility to conserve, restore and provide better access to our lands and waters and leave a healthy, vibrant outdoor legacy for generations to come (<http://americasgreatoutdoors.gov/>). The activity also tied into the Department of the Interior's *Let's Move Outside* initiative, which encourages children and their families to enjoy outdoor activities (<http://www.letsmove.gov/lets-move-outside>).

